



A joint project of the Washington State Department of Health and the Washington Academy of Family Physicians

The Current Collaborative - 2009-2011

Primary practice teams in Washington work together for two years to transform primary care, and hold each other accountable for improvement.

Registration began in March 2009. We notified successful applicants in June 2009. Thirty-two teams participate.

The first learning session occurred September 29-30, 2009. The collaborative continues through 2011. Four learning sessions are scheduled at regular intervals. The final outcomes congress meets September 26, 2011.

Characteristics of Collaborative Teams:

All clinics include 717 physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants. Together, they care for 641,779 patients

Clinics with 5 or fewer providers	6-20 providers	20 + providers	
11	12	9	
Urban clinics	Suburban clinics	Rural clinics	
13	11	9	
Number of children ages 0-18	Adults	Number of adults over the age of 65	
115,497	526,282	59,115	
Family medicine residency clinics	Community health centers	Clinics belong to larger health systems	Clinics affiliated with rural public hospital health districts
9	5	9	3

Collaborative teams are expected to:

- Attend five learning sessions over two years for eight full days of training and focused quality improvement work.
- Participate in monthly webinar training.
- Work with a quality improvement coach during five site visits.
- Test and measure practice innovations to improve outcomes for patient and families.
- Collect and analyze data on performance.
- Spread resulting effective practices throughout their systems of care.
- Work to solve problems with others facing similar challenges.

How will improvement be measured?

The Washington Patient-Centered Medical Home Collaborative tracks and evaluates:

- Patient experience.
- Provider satisfaction.
- Clinical outcomes.
- Degree of medical home implementation.
- Cost and utilization.